

Meeting Minutes

Saint Theresa Parish Pastoral Council

January 25, 2006

Official Minutes

Healthcare for the Homeless Facility

Members attending: Fr. Chuck Kieffer, Neil Urban, Amy Caffarello, Becky Henry, Rob Kubasko, Terez Sanguine, Joe Sotelo, Mark Skoog, Billie Young, Sandra Smith, and from Healthcare for the Homeless: Sister Adele, Corrine Velasquez, and Bryan Olivas

Members absent were: Fr. Mathew Plathottam, K. Lewis, Thomas Petrola, and Jerry McKenna

7:00 PM - Facility Tour

Sister Adele and staff led the council on a tour of the facilities for Healthcare for the Homeless.

7:48 PM - Welcome & Opening Prayer

Neil opened the meeting and Becky led the prayer from a book entitled Prayer Without Borders: Celebrating Global Wisdom.

7:50 PM - Approval of Previous Minutes

Becky made the motion, Amy seconded, minutes were accepted.

7:51 PM - Approval of Amendments to Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines

Amy made the motion, Joe seconded, amendments were accepted.

7:52 PM - Jubilee Service Project

After touring the facility, Sr. Adele and her staff provided additional details regarding support opportunities for Health Care for the Homeless. The Council discussed in-kind needs of the homeless as well as raising funds to place individuals in permanent housing. For approximately \$9,000, one individual living on the street could be provided housing for a year. Because Health Care for the Homeless already administers a housing project, funds raised by St. Theresa would go directly to support individuals and administrative costs would be absorbed by the staff and program they have in place. Current HCH staff would oversee the additional service provided by St. Theresa parishioners. Funds would be raised under the name of Sisters of St. Joseph of Arizona (501C3) to maintain maximum flexibility for disbursement and usage. Amy suggested that final details of how the service project will unfold will be outlined by Council members participating in regular project committee meetings. Amy will address outstanding questions with HCH staff and arrange committee meetings for Council members and other interested parishioners.

9:22 PM - Pastor's Report

Fr. Chuck noted some recent comments made about improving the new sound system in the church. Granite sheets are ready to be installed on the ramada benches

to match some of the recent interior upgrades in the church. The first construction meeting on the McMahon Center Kitchen project has been held. All permits for the remodeling have been received with substantial completion scheduled by the end of school year. A new organ search is continuing with official research to begin shortly. Kurt Hammond is a new member of the parish community and has shown an interest in continuing his involvement with his previous parish here as a potential member of the council. Joe asked about the status of the parish job center. It is something that can still be done with available resources and Vision 2000 plan fulfillment. Fr. Chuck concluded his report with great support for how the parish can fulfill and focus on its unique role to help with the Healthcare for the Homeless program as a part of our jubilee celebrations. He especially notes the unique opportunity present in the project by integrating our efforts between faith based organizations and public and government areas which can bridge the gap between church and state efforts to help others.

9:29 PM - Open Discussion

It was noted that the council has volunteered to coordinate the Stations of the Cross for March 31st. More details will be available at the March 29th meeting. Neil reminded everyone to remember the final meeting in June. Amy clarified some of the points raised at the meeting with Healthcare for the Homeless and will work to simplify the information regarding the project in the coming weeks.

9:30 - Closing Prayer was given by Fr. Chuck

MEETING ADJOURNED